

# CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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## Department of Community and Economic Development Interoffice Memo

**TO:** Michael G. Colón, City Council President

**FROM:** Lori Gilio, Grants Administrator, Community and Economic Development

**RE:** Resolution for a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) Grant – Bethlehem Emergency Shelter

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Attached is a resolution in support of the City's application for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) Grant through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The grant request is for \$2,000,000, which, if awarded, will be used for capital improvements to the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter.

The Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) is a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania grant program for construction projects exceeding \$1 million in cost. To the benefit of the residents of the City of Bethlehem, many projects have received RACP grants through the years. Previous projects include the ArtsQuest Center, Historic Bethlehem Museums & Sites, the City's parking facilities, Majestic Realty, and the Farr Building. Active RACP projects in the City include Martin Tower, the National Museum of Industrial History's 2nd Floor expansion, and the LVH – Muhlenberg ICU.

Please place this resolution on the September 16, 2025 City Council agenda for review and consideration.

Feel free to contact me prior to the meeting if you need additional information.

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**CC:** Mayor Reynolds  
City Council members

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Lori A. Gilio* \_\_\_\_\_

Lori Gilio  
Grants Administrator, Community and Economic  
Development

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_\_\_\_**

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem is desirous of obtaining funds from the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Grant Program (RACP) of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$2,000,000, appropriated under the Capital Budget Project Itemization Act of 2022-027, for the purpose of funding capital improvements to the Bethlehem Emergency Shelter to expand capacity and transition to year-round operations in the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bethlehem considers that this project will provide economic benefits to the City of Bethlehem, Northampton County and the Lehigh Valley region;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bethlehem that the Mayor, J. William Reynolds, of said municipality, be authorized and directed to execute all application forms necessary to apply for the \$2,000,000 grant which will be passed through the City of Bethlehem to Bethlehem Emergency Shelter for the purpose of their project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Bethlehem will assume the full local share of the project costs, which will be in excess of the \$2,000,000 grant, and also assume responsibility for the project's ongoing operating and maintenance costs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City of Bethlehem is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this Resolution and to furnish a copy of the Resolution to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Sponsored by: /s/ \_\_\_\_\_

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

ADOPTED by Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_

President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk